



STATE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

**BOARD POLICY NUMBER: 20-9**

SUBJECT: Good Conduct Allowance And Earned Sentence Credits

DATE: July 16, 2003

- 20-9.1 **POLICY.** The Board of Corrections recognizes the award of good conduct allowance and earned sentence credits as an incentive and encouragement to an inmate's successful institutional life. Good conduct allowance and earned sentence credits shall be based upon compliance with written prison rules and regulations, a demonstration of responsibility in the performance of assignments, and a demonstration of a desire for self-improvement, or exceptional circumstances determined by the Department. Good conduct allowance and earned sentence credits are seen as a privilege that can and should be forfeited, wholly or in part, if the inmate's behavior violates prison rules and regulations.

Subject to Board approval, the Department of Corrections shall develop general guidelines governing the circumstances under which an inmate's good time allowance and earned sentence credits may be earned or forfeited in accordance the Code of Virginia.

The Board shall establish rules and regulations that clearly define the due process afforded the inmate in any situation where the loss of good conduct allowance or earned sentence credits is a possibility.

- 20-9.2 **AUTHORITY.** Code of Virginia, Sections

[53.1-200](#), Conditions for good conduct allowance.

[53.1-202.4](#), Board of Corrections to establish certain rules, criteria, etc.

- 20-9.3 **REFERENCES.** Code of Virginia, Sections

[53.1-199](#), Eligibility for good conduct allowance; application.

[53.1-202.2](#), Eligibility for earned sentence credits.

[53.1-202.3](#), Rate at which sentence credits may be earned; prerequisites.

- 20-9.4 **IMPLEMENTING PROCEDURES.**

Division Operating Procedure 806, Good Conduct Allowance

Division Operating Procedure 807, Earned Sentence Credits

Division Operating Procedure 861, Inmate Discipline

- 20-9.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** July 16, 2003.

- 20-9.6 **SUPERSESSSION.** This policy supersedes Board Policy 20-9, dated September 17, 1998.

- 20-9.7 **REVIEW DATE.** This policy must be reviewed and updated as necessary.

*Adopted by the Board of Corrections on May 21, 2003.*

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